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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR PINS SHUM EC AR UY BR MARR  
SUBJ: RESENTMENT OF LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS  
ABOUT USG POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND PERCEIVED INTERVENTION  
IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. IN MEETING OF CHARGE WITH SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
JOSE AYALA ON MARCH 10 TO DISCUSS GOE MISSION TO WASHINGTON,  
CHARGE MENTIONED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED WHAT HE STRESSED WAS AN  
UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT THAT THE ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE  
TO SEVENTH MEETING OF AMERICAN AIR FORCE CHIEFS SCHEDULED  
TO BEGIN MARCH 14 IN MONTEVIDEO MIGHT JOIN WITH REPRESENTATIVES  
OF ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND BRAZIL TO DENOUNCE U.S. INTERVENTION  
IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES. THE  
ECUADORAIN AIR FORCE COMPLAINT WOULD BE THAT USG BY BLOCKING  
ISRAELI SALE OF KFIR TO ECUADOR INTERFERED WITH ECUADOR'S  
ABILITY TO DEFEND ITSELF, AND THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES WOULD  
PROTEST THAT USG ACTIONS FIS-A-VIS THEM IN FIELD OF HUMAN

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RIGHTS CONSTITUTED INTERVENTION. REPORT WAS NOT CLEAR OF THE  
PROTEST WOULD BE PUBLIC OR WITHIN FONFINES OF MEETING.

2. CHARGE TOLD AYALA THAT THOUGH REPORT MIGHT BE FALES, HE  
WANTED TO BRING IT TO MFS'S ATTENTION SINCE HE THOUGHT  
PERSONALLY IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE FOR ECUADOR TO IDENTIFY  
ITSELF WITH THE OTHER THREE GOVERNMENTS ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS

ISSUE. CHARGE NOTED THAT ECUADOR'S EXCELLENT RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE STEPS GOE IS TAKING TO RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT SET IT APART FROM OTHER MILITARY DICTATORSHIPS IN LATIN AMERICA, AND THAT PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION OF ECUADOR WITH THE OTHER THREE COUNTRIES IN PROTESTING USG ACTION IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS WOULD NOT SEEM TO BE IN THE GOE'S INTERESTS.

3. THE SUBSECRETARY SAID THAT HE TOO WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE ANY PUBLIC DECLARATION OF THIS TYPE AND THANKED CHARGE FOR THE INFORMATION. AYALA ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS GREAT RESENTMENT IN LATIN AMERICA ABOUT THE ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION, AND THAT THERE WAS A WIDELY HELD VIEW THAT THE USG WAS INTERFERING IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS PROUD OF ECUADOR'S RECORD IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND WAS PLEASED THAT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH'S "REPORT CARD REPORT" TO THE CONGRESS ON ECUADOR EVIDENTLY GAVE IT A SATISFACTORY MARK, BUT ASKED WHAT GAVE THE USG THE RIGHT TO SIT IN MORAL JUDGEMENT ON OTHER COUNTRIES. HE SAID LATIN AMERICANS RESENTED THE USG ATTITUDE THAT IT IS THE MORAL TEACHER AND LATIN AMERICANS ARE ERRANT PUPILS. AYALA SAID A MOVE IS UNDERFOOT FOR LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS AS A WHOLE, PERHAPS THROUGH THE OAS, TO MAKE A STATEMENT AGAINST THE USG'S PATRONIZING ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS; AND THAT IF SUCH A DOCUMENT WERE PRODUCED THAT GOE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO SIGN IT. HE SAID AGAIN, HOWEVER THAT THE GOE WOULD NOT WISH TO JOIN ONLY WITH GENERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED HUMAN RIGHTS OFFENDERS IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT.

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